

Sample Sewer Ordinance

Requires backflow protection and relief devices be installed and maintained at property owner's expense under any of the following conditions:

- By a certain date *
- All new construction
- Change of property title *
- Issuance of all building permits, residential building reports, revocable licenses, and other building-related permits *
- On remodels where plumbing fixtures are added to the property, and/or more than twenty-five percent of the structure area is being remodeled
- When any replacement or repair is made to the sanitary sewer lateral
- When property has been damaged by the blockage of the city sanitary sewer main or lateral
- On all structures where a pump is used to lift sewage to the sanitary sewer lateral and city sanitary sewer main. The backflow relief device shall be located to protect the structure from damage in the event the pump is pumping against a closed backflow prevention device
- Buildings where the elevation of any floor is at or below the invert of the city sanitary sewer main, or where a condition exist where a plug in the city sanitary sewer main will cause the hydraulic grade line to rise above the lowest floor level.

Failure of the owner to install a backflow prevention device for or as a result of any of the above conditions shall relieve the city of any and all responsibilities for any and all subsequent damage caused by sanitary sewer flooding.

Model Sewer Lateral Maintenance Procedures

Property owners are responsible for proper installation and maintenance of building and lateral sewers and cleanouts, and for obtaining the necessary construction and encroachment permits.

Property owners are responsible for keeping the 3' radius of the cleanout area clear of vegetation or any obstruction for visibility and easy access.

If the City determines the lateral is blocked, broken, or crushed, the City will repair or replace the lateral from the property line to the main at City expense.

If the City determines that the lateral under the street easement is clear, and that the blockage or break is within the lateral prior to the cleanout, it shall be the responsibility of the owner to repair or replace the lateral from the building to the property line at owner expense.

* Optional provisions for grant program eligibility